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In re Application of: **L. Wolfinbarger Jr.**) Confirmation No. 8393
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Patent No. **5,977,432**) Group Art Unit: 3738
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Issue Date: **November 2, 1999**) Examiner: **S. J. Gherbi**
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For: **PROCESS FOR CLEANING BONE**)
GRAFTS USING CENTRIFUGAL FORCE)
AND BONE GRAFTS PRODUCED)
THEREBY)

SUBMISSION OF FEE DEFICIENCY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(C)

Patentee submits herein the fee deficiency of \$4,375 in the above-identified application. The status as a small entity was established in good faith, and maintenance fees as a small entity were paid in good faith on November 2, 2006 and April 22, 2011. It was only later discovered that such status as a small entity was established in error. Thus, Patentee herein submits the fee deficiency and itemization requirements below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.28(c)(1) and (2).

| Filing date of original paper/fee | Type of fee paid | Current fee amount as a large entity | Amount originally paid | Deficiency (based on current fee amount) |
|---|------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| 11/02/06 | maintenance fee | \$2,850 | \$1,150 | \$1,700 |
| 04/22/11 | maintenance fee | \$4,730 | \$2,055 | \$2,675 |
| | | | Total | \$4,375 |

Accordingly, Patentees respectfully request excuse of the error in small entity status.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$4,375.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

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